

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Annual Assessment of the Status of	)	MB Docket No. 12-203
Competition in the Market for the	)	
Delivery of Video Programming	)	

**COMMENTS OF  
City of Lakewood, CA**

The City of Lakewood, CA submits these comments in response to the above-captioned Notice of Inquiry (“NOI”), released July 20, 2012, seeking “data, information, and comment on the state of competition in the delivery of video programming.”

The City of Lakewood, CA is located in southeast Los Angeles County, with a population of 80,048 as of the 2012 Census. It is bordered by Long Beach on the west and south, Bellflower on the north, Cerritos on the northeast, Cypress on the east, and Hawaiian Gardens on the southeast. Major thoroughfares include Lakewood (SR 19), Bellflower, and Del Amo Boulevards and Carson and South Streets. The San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605) runs through the city's eastern regions.

**1. How many channels does your MVPD operator(s) provide for PEG programming?**

Time Warner Cable - 6

AT&T U-Verse - 0

Verizon FiOS - 5

**2. On which tier are these channels placed and is extra equipment required to view them?**

Time Warner Cable – basic “antenna” service, no extra equipment (available on ClearQAM)

AT&T U-Verse – not applicable, no PEG channels available

Verizon FiOS – local digital channel plan, requires set-top box

**3. Are there more or fewer PEG channels carried on MVPD systems than were carried as of June 2010?**

No.

**4. What data sources exist to track the availability of PEG programming?**

Checking the respective MVPD’s websites for the latest channel lineups shows the availability of PEG programming.

**5. Please answer if you are in an AT&T U-verse community. Is there any evidence that AT&T’s “Channel 99 PEG product” has hurt PEG viewership? Have there been any consumer complaints about PEG accessibility on U-verse?**

The Channel 99 PEG product is not currently available on U-Verse.

**6. Provide general information about PEG programming in your community. If applicable, explain how cutbacks in financing, state law changes, new technology, and so on have affected PEG programming in your community. In responding, keep in mind that you are “telling your story” of how PEG service are delivered in your community.**

Although Lakewood still has a channel allocated to public access, very few public access programs are being produced. After supervision of public access was transferred back to the cable company, fees were instituted for the use of the studio and production equipment. The fees were too high for the community and production dropped from over 200 programs a year to less

than 10. Approximately five years ago, local production facilities were consolidated. There are no longer facilities available in Lakewood nor in nearby communities. Education continues with funding and staffing from those agencies. Government access continues with funding from franchise and subscriber fees.

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